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### JULY/AUGUST 1974 REVIEW CYCLE

Application: This contract application requests \$1,401,391 for support of 34 new contracts. The June Council recommended \$2,333,551 for the May application. Contracts fall within the Program's area of emphasis: Health Education, Health Economics and Systems Demonstration, Health Manpower, Health Care Quality, and Regional Disease Management. All contracts were referred to CHP by the proposer and comments were addressed by RAG and staff.

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## MID-CONTINENT OPERATIONS Staff Analysis - Mary E. Murphy

Texas RMP: RM 00007

May 1 Application Request: \$2,333,551

NAC Funding Recommendation: 2,333,551

DRMP Funding Level: 2,217,270 (\$1,400,000 restricted pending

review of contracts)

July 1 Request: 1,401,391

The Regional Medical Program of Texas has submitted 34 contracts which have undergone the full review process. Each proposal sent to the RMPT by the proposer was simultaneously sent to the appropriate CHP health planner for review. Verbal and written comments on most activities were available for Regional Advisory Group review. Late-arriving comments on approved activities will be considered during contract negotiation.

The contract funding request totals \$1,401,391. The contract projects approved by the RAG are as follows:

## Texas Health Education Project (Access Program)

108A -	Pilot Program of Health Education for the Severely	
	Handicapped	\$30,000
108B -	The Development and Demonstration of a Coordinated	
	Community Health Education Program	44,010
108C -	Health Education Resource Office (HERO)	30,000
	Health Consumer Awareness in the Brazos Valley Reg.	21,857
	General Evaluation Model for Audiovisual Health	
	Education Systems	16,000
108F -	Estudiantes Para Mejor Salud	30,000
108G -	Projecto Comprender	<b>63,</b> 568
	Assessing Rural Health Education Needs	25,000
1081 -	Design and Test a Method of Assessing the Health	
	Status of Small Rural Communities	50,000
108J -	Expanded Oral Disease Prevention Project	64,000
108K -	Health/Career Education Program →	20,000
108L -	A Model for Improving Access to and Utilization of	
	Regional Health Facilities Through Health Education-	
	Communication Programs	28,300
	Sub-Total- new projects	422,735

# Texas Health Economics and Systems Demonstration Project (Utilization and Availability Programs)

109A - Health Personnel Utilization Project	45,000
109B - Dallas County Chronic and Long-Term Care Study	6,035
109C - Permian Basin Regional Planning Council	15,000
109D - The Promotion of Efficiency and Effectivenss in	
Non-Profit, Acute, Short-Term Hospitals in Texas Through	h
the Development of a Total Management Info. System	<b>50,</b> 000

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<ul> <li>109E - Grass-Roots Organization for Utilization of Purchasing and Sharing</li> <li>109F - A Coronary Care and Critical Emergency Training Project for Rural Hospitals</li> <li>109G - Genetics Services Program</li> <li>109H - Rural Rehabilitation Patient Referral Network</li> <li>109I - Regionalization of Primary Health Care</li> <li>Sub-total - new projec</li> </ul>	20,000 12,000 39,833 45,000 34,000 ts 266,868
Health Manpower Project (Health Manpower Programs)	
<ul> <li>110A - A Cost-Benefit Study of Selected Clinical Education         Programs for Professional and Allied Health Personnel</li> <li>110B - Education and Service Effectiveness (EASE)         sub-total - new projects</li> </ul>	46,000 20,000 66,000
Texas Health Care Quality Program (Continuing Education Programs	)
<ul> <li>111A - A Problem Oriented Health Record for Infants, Children and Adolescents</li> <li>111B - DAHTS Videocassette Subscriber Service</li> <li>111C - A Model Program for the Design and Implementation of a Continuing Medical Education Service for Improving Quality of Medical Care</li> <li>111D - Continuing Education of the Physician, Nurse and Technologist in the Most Effective Use of Blood and Blood Components</li> <li>111E - Developing Nursing Skills to Improve the Management of Patients with Disability Problems</li> <li>111F - Satellite Centers for Continuing Education</li> <li>111G - Development of Self-Instructional Materials in Cancer Education for Health Professionals</li> <li>111H - Educational and Informative Communication Systems</li> <li>111I - A Plan to Develop an Area-Wide Service to Health Personnel and Health Agencies in the Rural Areas of the Three Texas State Planning Regions of Upper Rio Grande, South Plains and Permian Basin</li> <li>111J - Evaluating the Effectiveness of Selected Continuing</li> </ul>	15,000 27,087 31,751 25,000 25,000 25,000 30,000
Education Programs Sub-total - new projects	30,000 293,838
Regional Disease Management Program (Extension and Local Coopera Programs	tion
112A - Statewide Neonatal Care Program	351,950
Sub-total - new projects	351,950
. Total request	1,401,391

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New project #'s 108D, 108F, 108G, 108H, 108I, 108L (\$238,725) and continuation project: #'s 104A and 102B (\$95,000) are minority oriented activities.

The National Advisory Council extended to the July Review Committee permission to review and fund the contracts approved without making it necessary for a full Council review in August.

The higher request figure is based on the target figure of \$2,398,599 versus \$2,333,551 (140%).

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MAY/JUNE 1974 REVIEW

Request:	\$2,333,551
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Committee Recommendation: \$1,100,000

Overall assessment by individual reviewers: Average - Below Average

#### Critique:

Committee recommended that the RMPT submit the RAG-CHP reviewed contract proposals in July for a detailed review by the Review Committee. Permission would be extended to the next scheduled Review Committee by the June National Advisory Council allowing the Committee to review and extend final approval of the contracts with their accompanying funding requests. The procedure would allow the contracts to initiate in July, rather than September, and would preclude the necessity of a Council review in August. This expediency measure has been considered important from a management standpoint.

The RMPT has been most effectively managed by an able Director, Mr. David Ferguson, and a talented staff of very limited size. Reviewers did express concern regarding the capability of the staff to effectively manage and monitor the very ambitious program set forth in the application. Mr. Ferguson, through the select contract mechanism, is expected to follow through most competently by DRMP staff.

Concern was expressed regarding the Requests for Proposals, the contract language employed and the sameness in the language used to describe the activities. The submission on July 1 of the form 15 s (narrative) and 16 s (budget) should further alleviate the concerns raised. The relationship between the new activities, the expected outcomes and the prospect of future funding for the new activities should be clearly discernible from the July submission.

Estimated request as of May 1974: \$1,298,599 for contracts not approved for funding in May application. MCO 6/4/74

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL - June 13-14, 1974

Council recommended that the Texas RMP application be funded at the requested level of \$2,333,551, pending satisfactory review of the specific contrast proposals by the July Review Committee.

DRMP Funding Decision - \$2,217,270

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